

No. R-506. House concurrent resolution in memory of John C. Whitney of Georgia.

(H.C.R.383)

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Beyor of Highgate, Clarkson of Woodstock, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mitchell of Fairfax, Morrissey of Bennington, Pearce of Richford, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Sweaney of Windsor, Turner of Milton, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, John Whitney was born on New Year's Day, 1927, in Hanover, New Hampshire, but his ties to the town of Georgia were nearly those of a native son, and

Whereas, he was an honor student at Kimball Union Academy, leaving prior to graduation to serve our nation during World War II, and

Whereas, following his military discharge, John Whitney took advantage of the GI Bill, attended the University of New Hampshire, and earned a degree in dairy husbandry, which became his life's vocation, and

Whereas, he settled on a farm in Georgia and always introduced himself as a dairy farmer from his adopted hometown, and

Whereas, on September 5, 1953, John Whitney and Ina "Louise" Wilder eloped, and she was his life partner until her death on their 49th anniversary, and

Whereas, John Whitney was deeply devoted to his family, and

Whereas, as a dedicated and long-standing member of the Georgia Plain Baptist Church, John Whitney enthusiastically supported and participated in his church's Christian Education program, and

Whereas, John Whitney served his fellow citizens as a member of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Department, responding to fire and other emergencies at all hours of the day and night, and

Whereas, although his homestead was the center of his life, John Whitney traveled extensively both domestically and internationally, and

Whereas, in Vermont, John Whitney continued his military service as a member of the National Guard, and

Whereas, for many years, he was a leader in the Republican Party in Franklin County and statewide, and

Whereas, as a Mason, John Whitney was a member of Franklin Lodge No. 4, and

Whereas, John Whitney, who was greatly respected in his community and among his friends and associates outside Georgia, died on May 5, 2014, and his survivors include his children, Warren, Carolyn, and Deborah, and their spouses, his sister, Mary, 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of John C. Whitney, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Whitney's children and sister.